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## 2009 Potato Summary

### North Dakota

Final production for the 2009 potato crop totaled 19.1 million hundredweight (cwt), down 16 percent from 2008, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. Planted acres for 2009 totaled 83,000, up 1 percent from 2008. Harvested area, at 75,000 acres, decreased 7 percent from the previous year. Yield for all potatoes averaged 255 cwt in 2009, 25 cwt per acre lower than the 2008 average yield. Irrigated potato yields averaged 400 cwt per acre, down 5 cwt per acre from 2008.

The value of potatoes sold from the 2009 crop totaled \$163 million, down 3 percent from the 2008 crop. The marketing year average price was \$9.45 per cwt compared with \$8.30 for the 2008 crop and \$6.90 for the 2007 crop.

Sales from the 2009 crop totaled 17.3 million cwt, down 15 percent from the 2008 crop and 19 percent below the 2007 crop. Sales accounted for 90 percent of production, up 1 percentage point from the 2008 crop. Sales as a percent of production during the last 10 years have ranged from a low of 84 percent to a high of 90 percent.

### United States

Potato production in 2009 is revised to 431 million cwt, down slightly from the estimate in the January *Crop Production 2009 Summary* but 4 percent above the 2008 crop. Harvested area, at 1.04 million acres, is down 1 percent from 2008. The average yield of 414 cwt per acre is a record high, up 18 cwt from 2008, the crop year with the previous record high.

The value of all potatoes sold in 2009, at \$3.26 billion, increased 7 percent from the previous year. The average price, at \$8.19 per cwt, is down 0.90 from 2008. The quantity of potatoes sold from the 2009 crop totaled 398 million cwt, up 3 percent from 2008. Sales account for 92 percent of 2009 production, down 1 percent from the previous year.

Shrinkage and loss is estimated at 29.1 million cwt for 2009, 10 percent above 2008. Potatoes used for livestock feed on farms where grown and home use totaled 1.19 million cwt, 44 percent above the previous season. Growers kept 3.35 million cwt for seed on their own farms, 1 percent higher than a year earlier.

Fall potato production is finalized at 394 million cwt for 2009, 4 percent above the 2008 crop. Area harvested in 2009 is 917,200 acres, down 1 percent from the previous year. The average yield, at 429 cwt per acre, is a record high, 18 cwt above the previous record high set in 2008.

**Potatoes: Utilization of Crops  
United States, 2007-2009**

Disposition Items	Crop Year		
	2007	2008	2009
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
<b>SALES</b>	411,209	384,478	397,661
<b>Table Stock</b>	110,860	109,351	115,083
<b>Processing</b>	276,892	253,424	255,826
Chips & Shoestrings	54,343	50,988	42,886
Dehydration	49,021	40,646	44,401
Frozen French Fries	139,624	134,123	138,353
Other Frozen Products	26,571	19,519	20,968
Canned Products	2,504	2,070	1,979
Other Canned Products <sup>1</sup>	800	790	746
Starch, Flour & Other	4,029	5,288	6,493
<b>Other Sales</b>	23,457	21,703	26,752
Livestock Feed	1,160	803	6,533
Seed	22,297	20,900	20,219
<b>NON-SALES</b>	33,666	30,576	33,657
Seed	2,986	3,315	3,346
Household & Feed	1,119	823	1,189
Shrinkage & Loss	29,561	26,438	29,122
<b>TOTAL PRODUCTION</b>	444,875	415,055	431,318

<sup>1</sup> Hash, stew and soups.

**Potatoes: Production, Farm Disposition, Price, and Value  
North Dakota and United States, 2007-2009**

Item	North Dakota			United States		
	2007 Crop	2008 Crop	2009 Crop	2007 Crop	2008 Crop	2009 Crop
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
<b>Production</b>						
Total	23,660	22,680	19,125	444,875	415,055	431,318
<b>Farm Disposition</b>						
Seed, Feed, etc. <sup>1</sup>	240	190	175	4,105	4,138	4,535
Shrinkage and Loss	2,220	2,280	1,690	29,561	26,438	29,122
Sold	21,200	20,210	17,260	411,209	384,478	397,661
<b>Price</b>	<i>Dollars/Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars/Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars/Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars/Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars/Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars/Cwt</i>
Marketing Year Average	6.90	8.30	9.45	7.51	9.09	8.19
<b>Value <sup>2</sup></b>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
Production	163,254	188,244	180,731	3,339,710	3,770,462	3,521,219
Sales	146,619	168,170	163,285	3,088,753	3,494,193	3,255,510

<sup>1</sup> Seed, feed and household use on farms where grown. <sup>2</sup> May not calculate due to rounding.

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